

House Resolution No. 1790

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the Victims' Rights Partnership and the Southeast National Crime Victims' Rights Week Committee has recognized April 22 through 28, 2007, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week; and

Whereas, the Victims' Rights Partnership and the Southeast National Crime Victims' Rights Week Committee are dedicated to creating a nation where the legal rights of victims are honored and individuals are accountable for their treatment of victims; and

Whereas, National Crime Victims' Rights Week offers the opportunity to ensure that every victim is afforded his or her legal rights and treated as a crucial participant in our criminal justice system and to further ensure that all victims of crime receive respect, resources, restoration, and justice; and

Whereas, all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and the federal government grant crime victims certain legal rights, and 23 million Americans are victims of crime each year, and of those, 5.2 million are victims of violent crimes; and

Whereas, Americans have joined annually since 1981 to recognize the needs and rights of crime victims and survivors during National Crime Victims' Rights Week each April; and

Whereas, National Crime Victims' Rights Week will be observed in Charleston, Missouri, with a ceremony to include employees of the Southeast Correctional Center, the Mississippi County Sheriff's Department, the Mississippi County Prosecutor's Office, Mississippi County and Scott County Victims Advocates, area Probation and Parole offices, the Missouri Highway Patrol, the Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center, other area criminal justice and law enforcement officials, city and county officials, and concerned citizens:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our gratitude and commendation to the Victims' Rights Partnership and the Southeast National Crime Victims' Rights Week Committee for an educational and advocacy job well done; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Victims' Rights Partnership and the Southeast National Crime Victims' Rights Week Committee.

Offered by _____
Representative Steve Hodges
District No. 161

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1790, adopted April 4, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker